

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph before the first sentence of the application at page 1, line 1:

This application is the national phase application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/007153 filed on July 1, 2004, entitled, "METHOD OF CHARGING FINE-GRAINED METALS INTO AN ELECTRIC-ARC FURNACE" which claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 103 33 764. 4-24. filed on July 23, 2003.